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NOTE

SUBJECT Turkish newspaper attacks on Greece for her lack of preparedness.
Informs concerning -.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel.#112, 6 p.m.
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated May 31, 1940 From / To Greece (MacVeagh)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/3420.

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NOTE

SUBJECT Greece's obligations to Turkey;

Statement by the Greek Chief of Staff regarding- would appear to be strictly military and to ignore the naval implications of the Greco-Turkish pact of 1938.

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767.68/763

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #126, 6 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

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Dated June 12, 1940 From / To Greece (MacVeagh)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/3731

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NOTE

SUBJECT Relations between Greece and Turkey in event of Italian attack.

Reports concerning-

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767.68/764

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #1237, 8 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Sept. 26, 1940 From / To U.S.S.R. (Steinhardt)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/5738 Confidential File

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NOTE

SUBJECT Turkish Government has decided to assist Greece with all the military power at its command in event of Italian attack.

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767.68/765

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #1360, 5 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Oct. 17, 1940 From / To U.S.S.R. (Steinhardt)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/6137 Confidential File

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NOTE

SUBJECT Turkey is under no direct obligation to give military support to Greece except in the event of an attack by Bulgaria. Greek colleague recalled that -.

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767.68/766

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel.#179, 5 p.m.
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Oct. 28, 1940 From / To Turkey (MacMurray)

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File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/6280

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NOTE

SUBJECT Greece has asked if Turkish military assistance can be expected but no reply has been received.

767.68/767

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel.#269, 5pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

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Dated Oct. 30, 1940 From / To Greece (MacVeagh)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/6337

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NOTE

SUBJECT Position of Turkish Government in relation to the Italian invasion of Greece: Although there has been no further developments as regards -, it seems to be assumed that Turkey will not act unless Bulgaria intervenes.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel.#181, 6pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

768

Dated Oct. 30, 1940 From / To Turkey (MacMurray)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/6335

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NOTE

SUBJECT Events in which Turkey will participate in the war.
Information received from the Foreign Office of conversations in progress with the British, the Turkish Government has outlined -.

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767.68/1769

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #183, 1 p.m.
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Oct. 31, 1940 **From** / **To** Turkey (MacMurray)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/6346

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CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT Turkey will not send troops across Thrace and Macedonia to reinforce Greek forces; statement by Turkish Ambassador that-

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767.68/771

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #698, 5 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Nov. 1, 1940 From/To Rumania (Gunther)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/6409

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NOTE

SUBJECT Turkey will immediately go to the assistance of Greece in the event Bulgaria attacked Greece.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #1644, 6 pm. from
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Nov. 29, 1940 From / To U.S.S.R.(Steinhardt)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/8941

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NOTE

SUBJECT Uncertainty in Berlin as to whether Turkey would come to the assistance of Greece if the Germany army entered Macedonia is delaying further southward penetration by Germany in the Balkans.

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767.68/7733

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #172, 3 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Jan. 27, 1941 From / To U.S.S.R. (Steinhardt)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/7934 Confidential File

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SEE Memorandum FOR State Department
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FROM 767.00/100 ( ) DATED Nov. 20,1940
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REGARDING: Turkish- Greek relations. The- went under their most radical transformation in centuries with the conclusion in 1930 of the Treaty of Friendship, Neutrality, Conciliation and Arbitration, marking the beginning of a Turkish- Greek rapprochement.

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NOTE

SUBJECT Dodecanese Islands.

Transmits memorandum of relevant portion of a conversation with Secretary General of the Foreign Office concerning neither Turkey nor Greece anticipate any difficulty in the ultimate settlement of the eventual disposition of the,-

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See desp # 1642
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Jan. 11, 1941 From / To Turkey (MacMurray)

File No. 865.014/162

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NOTE

SUBJECT Possible Turkish military occupation of Greek Islands.

Memorandum concerning -.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Memorandum
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Mar. 26, 1943 From State Dept. Near Eastern Affairs (Kohler)

File No. 867.00/3251

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: August 18, 1943

SUBJECT: Relations between Greece and Turkey

PARTICIPANTS: The Greek Ambassador, Mr. Cimon P. Daimantopoulos;
Mr. A. A. Berle, Jr.

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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
AUG 19 1943
MR. WELLES

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The Greek Ambassador came in to see me, at his request.

After discussing other matters, and inquiring for any news of the Quebec conference and Italian matters generally (I told him I had none not available to him) he said that he had attached great significance to a report appearing in yesterday's New York Times coming from Ankara. This stated that Turkey had no interest in any of the Dodecanese Islands, but merely wished them to be in friendly hands. Turkey proposed to cultivate close relations with Greece. The Ambassador indicated that he gave great credence to the report.

I observed that at an earlier time when he had displayed concern over reports that Turkey coveted the Dodecanese, I told him that we had no confirmation of any Turkish ambition in that direction. I added that, as the Ambassador well knew, there was one small island lying only a mile off the Turkish coast, but that aside from this which might not enter into the question, I knew of nothing raising present questions along that line.

A. A. B., Jr.

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NOTE

SUBJECT Turkish-Greek Relations:

Encloses excerpts from an editorial which appeared in the NATIONAL HERALD of February 2, 1944 concerning -

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See letter
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated February 5, 1944 From ~~NA~~ War Information, Office of

File No. 883.001 Farouk/102

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AMEMBASSY,

ANKARA.

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Department has made available to UNRRA paragraph one of Embassy's 767.68/10-2144 2021, October 21, 5 p.m. UNRRA is bringing opportunity offered to attention of UNRRA in London and in Cairo with view to latter taking advantage of situation. Kelsey's report shows clearly the lines in which Turkish aid would be most helpful.

If asked, please extend to UNRRA officials any aid which may be proper.

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Extension 2729 or 2730

W. L. Jenkins
R. H. Sanger ✓

TO: 1.
2. ME - Myer
3. allen
4.

NEA - Murray
For Signature

For initialing
For signature
For approval or correction
For appropriate action
Please return
Please telephone
For your information

COMMENTS: Revised draft of letter to Wright.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

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Ankara

Dated October 21, 1944

Rec'd 4:35 p.m., 22nd

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OCT 23 1944
DIVISION OF NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

Secretary of State

Washington

NOV 22 1944

2021, October 21, 5 p.m.

The Turk Government has taken advantage of the occasion of the liberation of Athens to manifest its policy of friendship to Greece. Committees have been established in Ankara and Istanbul, obviously as a result of official inspiration, for the purpose of furnishing assistance to Greece. The committee formed in Ankara is under the presidency of the Vali of Ankara. The committee in Istanbul is composed of the President of the Administrative Council of the Peoples Party in Istanbul, the Rector of the University of Istanbul, the President of the Press Union, the Director of the Red Crescent, the President of the Chamber of Commerce of Istanbul, and representatives of the Central, Agricultural, Is and Ottoman Banks, and will function under the presidency of the Vali of Istanbul and the honorary presidency of the Greek Ambassador. It has been announced that the committee, will collect money for the purcha

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for the purchase of food supplies which will be shipped on Red Crescent vessels to the Greek Islands or Greece proper. The municipality of Ankara has already made a donation of 25,000 Turk pounds to the local committee for assistance to the suffering children of Greece.

In addition to the formation of the committees mentioned above, the Turk press is publishing articles expressing the joy of the Turk people at the liberation of Greece and emphasizing that the destinies of the two nations in the postwar period will be more closely linked than ever before. These editorials have extolled the advantages of Turco-Greek friendship and pointed out that the alliance existing before the war, which was conceived within the framework of the Balkan Entente, has been shown by developments of the war to have been inadequate to safeguard the security of the two countries.

In connection with the foregoing it is to be observed that Turk statesmen have been thoroughly convinced, as a result of developments during the past five years of the soundness of the policy initiated by Ataturk, of close friendship between Turkey and Greece; and it is believed that one of the basic aims of Turkey's postwar policy will be the development of

close

close collaboration between the two countries. The Turk attitude in this regard will be strengthened in the event of the formation, as the Turk leaders consider quite probable, of a Slavic bloc in the Balkans under Russian influence.

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JMS:EMB

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NOTE

SUBJECT: Relations between Turkey and Greece.

Ambassador at Angora has informed of Turkish renunciation of claim over the DODECANESE. Turkish Foreign minister implies there is no outstanding question with Greece except that of Greek minority in Istanbul.

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

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Ankara

Dated November 4, 1944

Rec'd 5:03 p.m., 5th

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
NOV 4 1944
DIVISION OF NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

Secretary of State,

Washington.

2115, November 4, 4 p.m.

The Turkish Prime Minister has taken the occasion of the return of the Greek Government to Athens to address a cordial message to the Greek Prime Minister in which he expresses the best wishes of the Turkish Government and people for the happiness and prosperity of the "noble nation to which we feel ourselves united by bonds of indissoluble friendship". At the same time the Mayor of Ankara addressed a message to the Mayor of Athens transmitting "the profound sympathy of the citizens of Ankara for their brothers, the heroic citizens of glorious Athens". (REEMBS 2021, October 21).

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